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FIRST SESSION.

COLUMBIA, S. C. October 14, 1847.
Thursday, 7 o'clock, P. M.

THE SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA met, according to adjournment, in the first Presbyterian church, Columbia, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. J. H. Thornwell, D. D. from 1 Cor. 1 ch. 24 v. "Christ, the power of God, and the wisdom of God."

Constituted with prayer.

PRESENT,

From the Presbytery of South Carolina.

Ministers.—J. Hillhouse, D. Humphreys, E. T. Buist, W. H. Davis, John McKittrick, J. F. Gibert, W. McWhorter, T. L. McBride, Z. L. Holmes, E. F. Hyde, S. S. Gaillard, J. McLees, John Boggs.

Ruling Elders.—Samuel H. Vernon, Richland; James Cowen, Greenville; J. G. Williams, Little River; A. Walker, Providence and Rocky River; M. O. Talman, Hopewell; James Dunbar, Fairview; A. G. Campbell, Spartanburg; W. Mars, Gilder's Creek.

From the Presbytery of Bethel.

Ministers.—S. L. Watson, P. E. Bishop, William Banks, J. R. Gilland, F. Jacobs, J. R. Baird.

Ruling Elders.—John Poag, Fishing Creek; M. H. Robinson, Pleasant Grove; William Marion, Catholic.

From the Presbytery of Harmony.

Ministers.—W. Brearley, P. Pierson, A. G. Peden, D. McQueen, J. Brown, S. Donnelly, J. C. Coit, D. J. Auld, M. D. Fraser, G. C. Gregg, J. P. McPherson, J. J. DuBose, G. C. Logan, D. Frierson, E. Cater, J. A. Wallace.

Ruling Elders.—Thomas Stitt, Lebanon and Salem, L. R.; R. B. Caldwell, Mount Olivet; W. McCreight, Winnsborough; J. Bookman, Horeb and Aimwell; J. K. Douglass, Camden; James S. Thompson, Beaver Creek.

From the Presbytery of Charleston.

Ministers.—Geo. Howe, D. D., J. H. Thornwell, D. D., E. Palmer, B. M. Palmer, J. B. Adger, J. Douglas, S. H. Hay, J. B. Dunwody, W. L. Hughes, A. A. Porter.

Ruling Elders.—James Martin, Columbia; J. M. Caldwell, Glebe street, Charleston.

ABSENT.

Presbytery of South Carolina.—Hugh Dickson, A. W. Ross, W. Carlile, J. L. Kennedy, P. H. Folker, S. B. Lewers, D. M. Turner, C. B. Stewart, John C. Williams.

Presbytery of Bethel.—R. B. Walker, W. B. Davies, J. H. Saye, L. W. Curtis, W. P. Harrison.

Presbytery of Harmony.—J. Harrington, J. C. McFarland, A. Buie, S. S. Davis, D. D., T. R. English, W. M. Reid, J. L. Wilson,

Presbytery of Charleston.—A. W. Leland, D. D., T. Smyth, D. D., R. C. Ketchum, Joseph Wallace, J. F. Lanneau, J. L. Merrick, R. Q. Way.

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED.

Presbytery of South Carolina.—Rock church, Long Cane, Little Mountain, Lebanon, Liberty Spring, Willington, Duncan's creek, Laurens C. H. Bethany, Warrior's creek, Rocky Spring, Hopewell, (Keowee) Nazareth, (Beaverdam) Good Hope, Anderson C. H., Broadaway, Midway, Carmel, Bethel, Mount Tabor, Friendship, Varennes, Antioch, New Harmony, Mount Zion, Nazareth, Avaleigh, Smyrna, North Pacolet, Roberts, Bethesda.

Presbytery of Bethel.—Bethel, Ebenezer, Unity, Beersheba, Bullock's creek, Purity, Concord, Fairforest, Cane creek, Cedar Shoals, Bethesda, Yorkville, Salem, Waxhaw, Lancasterville, Unionville, Hopewell, Six Mile Branch, Shiloh.

Presbytery of Harmony.—Darlington, Bishopville, Mount Zion, Williamsburg, Midway, Sumterville, Concord, Hopewell, Cheraw, Brewington, Harmony, Salem, (Black River) Indiantown, Great Pedee, Little Pedee, Reedy creek, Pine Tree.

Presbytery of Charleston.—2d Church. Charleston, Walterboro', Beech Island, Boiling Springs, Hamburg, John's Island.

The roll being completed, Rev. E. T. Buist was chosen Modera-

tor; upon his taking the chair, the reading of the rules was, by motion, dispensed with. Rev. John Douglas was appointed Temporary Clerk; after which, Synod adjourned to meet in the Lecture Room, to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY Morning, 9 o'clock, }
Oct. 15, 1847. }

The Synod met in the Lecture Room of the Presbyterian Church, and was opened with prayer. Absentees from the last meeting of Synod, who were now present, rendered, severally, their excuses, which were sustained.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees:

On Bills and Overtures.—J. H. Thornwell, D. D., Geo. Howe, D. D., P. E. Bishop, J. C. Coit; with Elders, A. H. Campbell, J. M. Caldwell and John Poag.

Judicial Committee.—D. Humphreys, M. D. Fraser, Ministers; James Dunbar, R. B. Caldwell, Elders.

Finance.—J. K. Douglass, James Martin and W. McCreight.

On the Narrative.—J. B. Adger, G. C. Gregg, Ministers; and M. H. Robinson, Elder.

On Minutes of Assembly.—E. Cater, T. L. McBride, Ministers; and A. Walker, Elder.

Religious Exercises.—B. M. Palmer, T. L. McBride, Ministers; and James Martin, Elder.

Records of South Carolina Presbytery.—A. A. Porter, J. J. DuBose, Ministers; and J. Bookman, Elder.

Records of Bethel Presbytery.—W. H. Davis, S. Donnelly, Ministers; and W. Mars, Elder.

Records of Harmony Presbytery.—J. B. Dunwody, S. H. Hay, Ministers; and S. H. Vernon, Elder.

Records of Charleston Presbytery.—D. J. Auld, J. McLees, Ministers; and W. Marion, Elder.

Communications were received from Rev. T. R. English, agent for Oglethorpe university in this State; also from Mr. D. C. Campbell, chairman of the Prudential Committee, and from Mr. Lane,

secretary of the Board of Oglethorpe university; which were read, and referred to a Special committee, consisting of E. Cater, D. Humpheys, E. Palmer, D. J. Auld, W. H. Davis, Ministers; and J. Martin and J. M. Caldwell, Elders.

Letters were also read from Rev. S. B. Lewers, and Rev. J. F. Lanneau, containing reasons of absence from the present sessions of Synod; also a letter from D. Lesly, clerk of session of Long Cane church, showing cause why this church is not represented at the same, which were severally sustained.

The committee on the Minutes of Synod, reported that they had published and distributed 500 copies of the Minutes of last year, at an expense of $65; referred to the committee on Finance.

It was made the order of the day to receive statistical reports and narratives of the state of Religion from the Presbyteries, at 4 o'clock this afternoon; it was also made the special order for 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, to receive the report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary; and for 11 o'clock, to receive the report of the executive committee of Foreign Missions.

Rev. W. Flinn, of the synod of Alabama, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The ministers of Synod were then called upon to state whether the order of Synod to preach on the subject of Education, on the first Sabbath in December, 1846, had been obeyed by them; it was found to have been generally complied with.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting of Synod at Bethesda church, York district, on the Thursday before the 3d Sabbath in October, 1848, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Synod took recess till half past three o'clock this afternoon.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, Half-past 3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met. The committee on Finance reported, recommending that the Presbyteries be assessed as follows:

Presbytery	of South Carolina	$20
do.	of Harmony	16
do.	of Bethel	13
do.	of Charleston	16
Total		$65

to meet the expense of printing the minutes of last year; which report was adopted.

The special committee on the affairs of Oglethorpe reported in part, recommending the nomination of directors, to fill vacancies in the Board of that University; nominations were at the same time made, to fill vacancies occurring in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary. These elections were made the special order for to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, M.

The special order for 4 o'clock was then taken up, when narratives were read from the different Presbyteries, and referred to the committee on the Narrative. Also the Statistical reports, which were read, and are as follows:

The *Presbytery of South Carolina* report, that they consist of 22 Ministers, and have under their care 42 churches, one licentiate and one candidate; that they have received Rev. John Boggs from the Presbytery of Winchester, Virginia, and have dismissed Rev. Geo. W. Boggs, to join the Presbytery of Clinton, Mississippi. They have ordained Rev. John C. Williams, and installed him pastor of Greenville Church; have installed Rev. W. H. Davis, Pastor of Willington Church, and Rev. T. L. McBride, pastor of Providence and Rocky River Churches. They have received one new church, Pickens Church, under their care; and that Rev. J. B. Kennedy has been removed by death.

The *Presbytery of Bethel* report, that they consist of 11 Ministers, of whom one is superannuated, and one resides without their bounds. They have under their care 22 churches, of which 6 are vacant—have received under their care one new church (Pleasant Grove,) of 16 members—and have dissolved the pastoral relation of Rev. W. P. Harrison, with the Waxhaw and Lancasterville Churches—they have under their care one licentiate and four candidates.

The *Presbytery of Harmony* report, that they consist of 23 ministers, and have under their care twenty-five Churches, one Licentiate and two Candidates—that they have received Rev. Edwin Cater from the Presbytery of South Carolina, and have installed him pastor over the churches of Lebanon and Salem, (Little River)—that they have dismissed J. W. Ervin, a candidate for the ministry—that they have installed Rev. S. S. Davis, D. D., Pastor over Bethesda Church, and have dissolved the pastoral relation of Rev. D. J. Auld with the Church of Harmony, and have received Rev. J. A. Wallace from the Presbytery of Concord.

The *Presbytery of Charleston* report, that they consist of eight churches and seventeen ministers, of whom three are Professors, four are Pastors, five are Stated Supplies, two are Foreign Missionaries,

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one a Domestic Missionary, and two without charge. They have under their care two licentiates and three candidates. They have received Rev. A. A. Porter from the Presbytery of Tuscaloosa—have organized a new church in the city of Charleston, called the Glebe street Church, consisting of 42 members; and have licensed William Thomas Catto, with a view to his going out in December to Africa, as a Foreign Missionary.

On motion, it was resolved to enter, at this meeting of Synod, upon the election of a third Professor in the Theological Seminary, with the view of his entering upon the duties of his chair as soon as it shall be practicable. Rev. C. C. Jones, D. D., was nominated to fill this Professorship, and the election was made the order of the day for to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Rev. E. F. Hyde, and Elders W. Mars and J. G. Williams, obtained leave of absence after this evening, from the remaining sessions of Synod.

The committees on the records of the Presbyteries of Harmony, Bethel and Charleston, reported respectively, recommending that these records be approved, so far as written; which reports were adopted.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported the following scheme, which was adopted:

Friday night,	A Sermon by	Rev.	D. J. Auld.
Saturday night,	do.	do.	do.	P. E. Bishop.
Sabbath morning,	do.	do.	do.	E. T. Buist.
do, afternoon,	do.	do.	do.	J. C. Coit.
do. night,	do.	do.	do.	J. B. Adger, on the religious instruction of the colored people.

Addresses at the communion table, by Rev. Dr. Thornwell, and Rev. F. Jacobs. Devotional Exercises of the Synod, on Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock—the devotional part under the direction of the Moderator, and addresses by Rev. Dr. Howe and Rev. J. J. DuBose.

Synod then adjourned, to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M.

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, Oct. 16, 1847,
9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met and was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved. W. C. Dukes, Elder from the 2d

Presbyterian Church, Charleston, appeared in Synod, and took his seat as a member.

A letter was read from Mr. Law, Treasurer of the Seminary, tendering the resignation of his office, on the ground of his increasing age; whereupon a committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. J. K. Douglass, D. Humphreys and W. C. Dukes, to confer with Mr. Law, expressing the thanks of Synod for his invaluable services, and to solicit his continuance, and authorising him, if necessary, to employ, at the expense of Synod, a clerk, to aid him in the discharge of his duties.

The committee on the Records of South Carolina Presbytery reported, recommending its approval, with the exception of the irregular form of the Spring Presbyterial report; which was adopted.

The Synodical committee of Education presented their report, (see Appendix) which was referred to a special committee, consisting of J. B. Dunwody, Z. L. Holmes, Ministers, and J. M. Caldwell, Elder, to bring in a special report.

The first special order of the day was taken up, when the report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was read and adopted. (See Appendix.)

Rev. T. E. Peck, of the Synod of Baltimore, and Rev. Wm. Martin, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

A committee of publication, consisting of Rev. B. M. Palmer and Mr. G. T. Snowden, was appointed to superintend the printing of the minutes of the present sessions of Synod.

Rev. Messrs. John Douglas, Jno. Boggs and J. A. Wallace, were appointed a committee to consider the propriety and expediency of appointing a member to prepare a history of the Presbyterian Church in the State of South Carolina.

A committee of eight persons, a Minister and Elder from each Presbytery, was appointed to bring in a report on the religious instruction of the colored people. This committee consists of Rev. J. H. Thornwell, D. D. and J. M. Caldwell, of the Presbytery of Charleston, Rev. S. L. Watson and John Poag, of the Presbytery of Bethel, Rev. D. McQueen and J. K. Douglass, of the Presbytery of Harmony, and Rev. J. F. Gibert and James Dunbar, from the Presbytery of South Carolina.

The committee appointed to confer with Mr. Law, reported that they had discharged the duty, and were happy to report that Mr. Law had consented to continue his services.

A committee of five, viz: Rev. J. Boggs, Rev. P. E. Bishop, Rev. J. B. Adger, with Elders W. C. Dukes and J. K. Douglass, was appointed to consider and report on the propriety of establishing a Depository of the Books of the Board of Publication within our bounds.

The second order was taken up, when the report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, was read, and referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. J. B. Adger, S. H. Hay, and J. A. Wallace.

The special committee, to whom were referred certain papers, relating to Oglethorpe University, reported the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, 1*st*. That the appointment of Mr. C. W. Lane, to the Professorship of Chemistry and Natural Philosophy, be confirmed by this Synod.

Resolved, 2*d*. That Synod regrets to learn that our agent, appointed last year in Charleston, was hindered, by an afflictive dispensation of Providence, in the discharge of the duties of his agency, and that the continuance of that affliction renders it necessary for him to resign that appointment. In accepting his resignation, Synod would desire to extend to our Brother, Rev. T. R. English, the most affectionate sympathy for him in his affliction.

Resolved, 3*d*. That the work of completing the endowment of the South Carolina Professorship in Oglethorpe University, be referred to the Board of Trustees of the University as their appropriate work; and that the Board be, and hereby is, invited to employ such agency as may seem to them sufficient for the speedy accomplishment of this object.

Resolved, 4*th*. That the Synod, feeling a deep and abiding interest in the subject of Denominational Education, and specially in their own enterprise, Oglethorpe University, would urge upon the churches within their bounds, to welcome cordially amongst them such agent as the board may appoint, and to respond freely to the call he may make upon them, till funds sufficient are raised to endow at least one professorship in the University.

Resolved, 5*th*. That the report of Rev. T. R. English, our agent, be accepted, and that he be directed to pay himself the balance due him for his services, out of any monies which may be in his hands, belonging to the contingent fund; and that the papers and permanent funds in his hands, be turned over to the Treasurer of the Board.

The third order of the day was taken up, viz: the election of Directors of Oglethorpe University, and the Theological Seminary, which resulted as follows:

For Directors of Oglethorpe.—Ministers, S. Donnelly, W. H. Davis, J. B. Adger, E. Cater, D. M'Queen, with G. T. Snowden, Elder.

For Directors of the Theological Seminary.—Ministers, S. Donnelly, J. Douglas, J. H. Saye, D. M'Queen, with Job Johnston, J. N. Whitner and G. W. Glenn, Elders.

Rev. A. A. Porter was appointed to attend the Synod of Alabama, and confer with it in reference to the interests of the Theological Seminary.

Synod then had recess till half-past three o'clock, P. M.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, Half-past 3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met. The committee appointed to consider the propriety of establishing a depository of the books of the Board of Publication, reported, that in their estimation the enterprise is practicable, and will result in incalculable benefits to our Churches, and to the community at large. That in their opinion, this interesting enterprise will at present be conducted with the greatest efficiency, if undertaken with suitable zeal, by the several Presbyteries within our bounds; and they propose that Synod recommend the establishment of Depositories within their limits by each Presbytery, as speedily as possible; which report was accepted and adopted.

The Synod then laid aside its usual business, and spent one hour and a half in religious exercises; the devotional parts of which were conducted by the Moderator, and addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Howe and Rev. J. J. Du Bose.

The special order was then taken up, to wit, the election of a third Professor in the Theological Seminary, when prayer being made, imploring the divine direction, Rev. C. C. Jones, D. D., was duly chosen by ballot.

On motion, Rev. J. B. Adger was appointed to preach a sermon on Foreign Missions before the Synod at its next meeting.

The following persons then obtained leave of absence after this evening from the remaining sessions of Synod, viz.: Rev. Messrs. G. C. Logan, A. A. Porter, W. Brearley, and Messrs. W. McCreight, W. C. Dukes, J. M. Caldwell, Elders.

Synod then adjourned, to meet on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

SIXTH SESSION.

MONDAY, Oct. 18, 1847.
9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met and was opened with prayer. The minutes of Saturday were read and approved. A letter was received from Rev. S. S. Davis, D. D., assigning reasons for absence from the present sessions of the Synod, which were sustained.

The following Resolutions were reported by the Special Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Executive Committee on Foreign Missions, and were adopted, viz:

1st. *Resolved*, That the committee's report, as corrected, be adopted.

2d. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer's account be approved, and the thanks of this body be presented to him for his kind services.

3d. *Resolved*, That the Rev. Messrs. T. Smyth, D. D., J. Douglas, A. A. Porter, J. B. Adger, with Elders W. C. Dukes, J. M. Caldwell, together with the Treasurer, ex-officio, be appointed the Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

4th. *Resolved*, That the Synod of South Carolina continues to recognize itself "a debtor both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians," and would be ready, so far as in them lies, to preach the Gospel to all nations.

5th. *Resolved*, That in our view the growing interest felt in our Churches, on behalf of those who have been called our domestic Heathen, should never lead us to forget or to neglect "them that are afar off," lest we receive at last that condemning rebuke, "this ought ye to have done, and not to have left the other undone."

On motion, it was

Resolved, That in order that all our contributions to Foreign Missions may appear together in the annual reports of the Executive Committee, it be recommended to the Churches and Presbyteries of this Synod, to send their gifts to the Treasurer in Charleston, rather than directly to the Parent Board in New York, it being understood that every church or other donor is at liberty to indicate the precise object to which his contribution shall be applied, and that the committee in Charleston shall see that in forwarding these contributions to New York, such indication shall be distinctly communicated.

Resolved further, That the Executive Committee be requested to prepare and forward to all our churches, a circular, setting forth such facts and arguments as may be calculated to impress them more

deeply with a sense of their obligations to the Heathen, and urging upon them the importance of a more systematic and general contribution on the part of the *poor* as well as the *rich*, and our "gathering up the fragments, that nothing be lost."

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Synodical Committee of Education, presented the following report, which was adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the standing committee on Education, beg leave to report—

That after mature reflection, they can think of nothing calculated to appeal more eloquently to the minds and hearts of the members of Synod, and of the Christian community generally, than the fact, the startling, the deplorable fact, disclosed by the report of the Standing Committee.

Your committee on Education will commence their duties the ensuing year with an actual debt of $477. And what renders this fact the more distressing is, that it has occurred notwithstanding the special effort to raise funds for this important object, ordered by the last Synod, and for the most part faithfully made by your Ministry.

We cannot believe that the churches have calmly and finally resolved to withdraw their support from an object so truly Christian, so vital to their very existence, as the support and education of their own beneficiaries. Yet such would really seem to be the fact, and should the apathy of the two last years continue, it must soon produce the most disastrous effects, by preventing the blessing of God in the increase of candidates for the ministry, already too few to supply the wants and vacancies in our churches.

But as all practicable methods of exciting our brethren to liberality in this behalf have been already used without success, we must either repeat the same, or give up in despair. The latter alternative, we feel persuaded, no true lover of the kingdom of Christ will contemplate for an instant. We therefore recommend to Synod the adoption of the following resolutions, the same in substance with the first two passed at your last meeting.

1. *Resolved*, That the standing committee on Education be reappointed, and that the monies contributed to this object, be forwarded to William Law, Esq., Columbia, subject to the control of said committee.

2. *Resolved*, That to meet the present urgent necessities of our beneficiaries, the 2d Sabbath in January be observed as a day of special prayer and preaching with reference to this subject, and that it be enjoined upon all churches which have not previously attended to

this duty, to take up collections for this object on that day, and forward them as above directed; and should it not be convenient to any church to observe this Sabbath, then as early a day as possible thereafter be devoted to this matter.

The special committee appointed to report on the subject of the religious instruction of the colored population, reported a series of resolutions, which were referred to a special committee consisting of of seven, Rev. J. H. Thornwell, D. D. Rev. P. E. Bishop, Rev. D. Humphreys, Rev. D. McQueen, with Elders Hon. Job Johnston, J. N. Whitner and W. C. Dukes, with instructions to report in full at the next meeting of Synod.

The committee on the history of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina, not being prepared to report at this meeting, was continued, with instructions to correspond with Rev. John S. Wilson, in relation to materials he may have collected under a former appointment of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, and it was recommended that each minister be requested in the meantime to collect all the information in his power.

A special committee was appointed to examine the minutes of the Synod of Georgia, and ascertain if they contain any thing which calls for the attention of this body. This committee, consisting of Rev. P. E. Bishop, Rev. W. Banks, Rev. D. J. Auld, with James Martin and J. K. Douglass, Elders, reported the following: They find a report on pages 22, 23 and 24, of the printed minutes of Synod of Georgia, asserting claims on the part of that Synod to the funds of the Theological Seminary, which calls for the notice of this Synod, and accordingly would recommend the appointment of a committee to confer with the Synod of Georgia, or its committee, with a view to ascertain definitely the nature and extent of the claim there asserted; which report was adopted, and Rev. F. Jacobs, Rev. Dr. Howe and Mr. G. T. Snowden, were appointed the committee of conference, recommended above.

The Committee on the Narrative presented the following narrative of the state of religion within our borders, which was adopted:

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION, IN BOUNDS OF THE SYNOD OF S. C., DURING 1846-'47.

From the narrative of three of our Presbyteries, it appears that there has been no general revival of religion among them, although to some extent, and in some cases, the Word of God has been accompanied with the Spirit's power. In one Presbytery, that of

Harmony, a very general interest in spiritual things is reported. Nearly all the Churches have had accessions during the year past, and in some they have been so great as to indicate a remarkable effusion of the Divine Spirit. One of these Churches, (which was a small one,) has received 39 new members, and another 121. Both these churches are under one Pastor's care, and his testimony is, that the work has been, and is, characterized by profound solemnity, great silence, and perfect order.

The Synod would devoutly record their sense of God's infinite grace in thus visiting our brethren of that Presbytery, and would desire to be earnest in prayer for the like blessing throughout all our bounds, during the year on which we have entered. We know that God waits to be gracious; that he is more ready to bestow his spirit on them that ask, than earthly parents to give good things to their children, but that for all these things he will be inquired of by the house of Israel.

There is evident, also, from the reports of all our Presbyteries, a growing interest in the religious instruction of the black population. In Bethel Presbytery, they enjoy the means of grace in most of the churches in common with the whites, and in some places, receive special instruction, more suited to their understandings. In South Carolina Presbytery, also, they receive more and more attention; while in Harmony, there is not a church where some portion of the time of the Pastor is not devoted to this class, while, in most cases, one half of his time is thus appropriated, the churches willingly and cheerfully yielding his services for this purpose. The consequence has been that an increasing number of this people have been, (as is hoped and believed,) converted to God, and their attendance on the means of grace is becoming more general. This Presbytery report that they are ready to sustain several Missionaries to the blacks, if suitable men can be obtained. The Presbytery of Charleston also report, that four of their number are more expressly engaged in labors for this people. Three of these are Pastors of Churches which have but a small white population, so that the greater part of their ministry is for the benefit of the slaves. The efforts of the fourth, in the form recommended by the Presbytery, have not as yet met with the desired success, but it is hoped and believed that all that is essential will yet be secured.

The Synod would join the Presbytery of Harmony in saying, "We cannot too highly commend the practice which prevails in some of our churches, of gathering the colored children, and youth especially, into classes for catechetical instruction in the great truths

of the Gospel. Neither can we too highly praise the course of many of our church members, who personally at their homes instruct their servants in the doctrines and duties of our holy religion.

The Charleston Presbytery reports some encouraging progress in the establishment and support of new churches. At Barnwell, the Presbyterians are about erecting a church. In Charleston, also, a new church has been organized, which has 42 members, and a Sunday School of 30 teachers and 184 scholars, of whom *one-third* never attended Sunday School before. The gathering of the children has brought their parents also to the house of God. The congregation are now engaged in erecting their church edifice.

The thanks of the Synod were then voted to the Church and the Congregation of the 1st Presbyterian Church, Columbia, for their kind and hospitable entertainment of the members of Synod, and Rev. Mr. Palmer was requested to make known the same in whatever way he may think best.

The minutes were then read and approved; after which, Synod adjourned, with singing, prayer, and the apostolic benediction, to meet at Bethesda Church, York District, on Thursday, before the third Sabbath in October, 1848, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

E. T. BUIST, *Moderator.*

JOHN DOUGLAS, *Temporary Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE SYNODS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA.

OFFICERS.

Rev. Charles C. Jones, D. D. *President.*
G. T. Snowden, Esq. *Vice President.*
Rev. B. M. Palmer, *Secretary.*
William Law, (Columbia) *Treasurer.*

DIRECTORS FOR THREE YEARS.

Ministers.	*Laymen.*
S. Donnelly,	Job Johnston,
J. Douglas,	J. N. Whitner,
J. H. Saye,	G. W. Glenn,
D. McQueen,	D. C. Campbell,
J. W. Reid,	A. L. Alexander,
G. H. W. Petrie,	William Shear.
John S. Wilson,	
N. Hoyt, D. D.	

DIRECTORS FOR TWO YEARS.

T. Smyth, D. D.	G. T. Snowden,
B. M. Palmer,	Andrew Crawford,
D. McNeil Turner,	J. K. Douglass,
J. H. Thornwell, D. D.	E. A. Nisbet,
A. Church, D. D.	Barrington King,
N. A. Pratt,	H. V. Johnson,
R. Chamberlain,	
J. S. K. Axson,	

DIRECTORS FOR ONE YEAR.

S. K. Talmage, D. D.
Charles C. Jones, D. D.
Charles S. Dod,
Francis Bowman,
M. D. Fraser,
E. T. Buist,
D. Humphreys,
R. C. Ketchum,
W. L. Mitchell,
G. E. Thomas,
E. L. Newton,
J. D. Witherspoon,
Wm. Adger,
J. A. Crawford,

FACULTY.

Rev. Geo. Howe, D. D., Professor of Biblical Literature.
Rev. A. W. Leland, D. D., Professor of Christian Theology.
Rev. C. C. Jones, D. D. Professor elect of Church History and Polity.

MINUTES

Of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, held in Columbia, Oct. 12, 1847.

COLUMBIA, Oct. 12, 1847,
7 o'clock, P. M.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, of the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, met, according to adjournment, at the Library of the Seminary. A quorum not being present, the Board could not be constituted; but the members present adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at half past 8 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 13, 1847,
Half past 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Board met with the constitutional quorum, and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. H. Thornwell, D. D. The President and Secretary being both absent, the Vice President, G. T. Snowden, Esq. took the chair, and Rev. John Douglas was appointed Secretary, *pro tempore.*

PRESENT.

Ministers.	*Laymen.*
J. H. Thornwell, D. D.	G. T. Snowden, V. P.
Samuel Donnelly,	J. A. Crawford,
M. D. Fraser,	Andrew Crawford,
John Douglas,	J. K. Douglass,

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and the following committees were appointed, viz:

Audits.—Messrs. A. Crawford, J. K. Douglass, and Rev. John Douglas.

Ways and Means.—Messrs. J. H. Thornwell, D. D., M. D. Fraser, S. Donnelly, J. A. Crawford, and J. K. Douglass.

Laws and Regulations.—Messrs. S. Donnelly and M. D. Fraser.

Library.—Messrs. J. Douglas and S. Donnelly.

Buildings.—Messrs. J. A. Crawford and S. Donnelly.

A letter was received from the President of the Board, Rev. Dr. Jones, containing reasons for absence from the present meeting, which were sustained.

The report of the Professors of the Seminary was presented and read; so much of it as related to the buildings, was referred to the committee on buildings; so much as related to the government of the Institution, was referred to the committee on Laws and Regulations; and the remainder of the report, together with the Minutes of the Faculty, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. S. Donnelly and M. D. Fraser.

The report of the Librarian was read, and referred to the committee on the Library; the accompanying account of $70 06, was referred to the committee of Audits.

Reports were presented, severally, from the Treasurer, from the Executive Committee, from Messrs. Snowden and Ewart, investing agents for the State of South Carolina, and from Messrs. McDowell and Reid, investing agents for the State of Georgia; which were all received and referred to the committee of Audits.

The Board then had recess, to meet in the Library at half past seven o'clock, P. M.

HALF PAST 7 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Board met. Present as before, except the absence of Rev. J. H. Thornwell, D. D., and Mr. J. A. Crawford, and the addition of Rev. Messrs. E. T. Buist, D. Humphreys and B. M. Palmer.

The Special Committee, to whom, in part, the Professors' report was referred, reported, recommending that report No. 1 be engrossed in the general report of the Board to the Synods, and that report No. 2, be placed on file.

The Board then had recess, to meet in the Lecture room of the Presbyterian church, to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, Oct. 14, 1847,
10 o'clock, A. M.

The Board met in the Lecture Room of the Presbyterian church. Present as before, with the addition of J. A. Crawford, Esq.

The committee on the minutes of the Faculty brought to the notice of the Board the fact mentioned in those minutes, and also referred to in the Professors' report No. 2, that some of the students pleaded conscientious scruples against signing the declaration contained in Article III, Section VI. of the Constitution, they regarding it as a binding oath. The committee reported a resolution, proposing to the Board a modification of this article, retaining the first clause, and striking out the declaration; which resolution was lost, the article being left as before.

The committee on the Library reported that they had examined the Library, found all things in good order, and the books well kept; and from the Librarian's report, learn that 67 volumes have been contributed during the year, making the whole number of volumes at this time, 4,542.

The committee of Audits reported on the various accounts submitted to them, that from the vouchers furnished, they were all correct; whereupon, these papers were referred to the committee of Ways and Means. The Board then had recess till 5 o'clock, P. M.

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5 O'CLOCK, P. M.

After recess, the Board met. The committee of Ways and Means presented their report, which was accepted, and referred, together with all the others, to a special committee, consisting of Rev. B. M. Palmer and Mr. G. T. Snowden, to digest the usual report of the Board to the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia.

The Board took recess, to meet at the call of the Vice President.

SATURDAY, Oct. 16, 1847,
Half past 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Board met by a call from the chair.

On motion, all the officers of the Board were re-elected, as follows:

Rev. C. C. Jones, D. D. *President.*
G. T. Snowden, *Vice President,*
Rev. B. M. Palmer, *Secretary.*
William Law, (Columbia) *Treasurer.*

Messrs. Snowden and Ewart were re-appointed the investing committee for the State of South Carolina, and Messrs. McDowell and Reid, the investing committee for the State of Georgia.

The standing Building committee of last year, consisting of G. Howe, D. D., A. W. Leland, D. D., G. T. Snowden and William Law, was re-appointed; also the Executive committee, consisting of Rev. B. M. Palmer, Rev. Dr. Thornwell, Rev. Dr. Davis, Messrs. W. Law, G. T. Snowden, J. A. Crawford and Sidney Crane.

The Special committee appointed to draft the report of the Board to the Synods, presented the same, which was accepted and adopted, and ordered to be laid by the secretary before the two Synods, respectively.

The following persons were appointed to attend the examination of the Seminary in July next, viz: Rev. M. D. Fraser, Rev. S. Donnelly, Rev. J. Douglas, Messrs. J. K. Douglass and G. T. Snowden.

The Board then adjourned, to meet in Columbia, at the Library of the Seminary, on the Wednesday week preceding the meeting of the Synod of South Carolina, being the Wednesday before the 2d Sabbath in Oct. 1848, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

JOHN DOUGLAS, *Secretary, pro tem.*

REPORT

Of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, to the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, October, 1847.

I. PERMANENT FUNDS.

Invested in South Carolina, per Messrs. Snowden and Ewart's account, same as last year, to wit:	$27,339 18
Invested in Georgia, per Messrs. McDowell & Reid's account, being an addition of $975 36 to last year's investment	27,319 50
Total of permanent funds in both States, exclusive of scholarships	$54,658 68

II. SCHOLARSHIPS.

Invested in South Carolina:		
1. Lanneau Scholarship	$2,200 00	
2. Scholarship of Congregational and Presbyterian Education Society, Charleston,	2,250 00	
3. Telfair Timothy scholarship, not yet received		
4. Ellison Legacy	525 00	$4,975 00
Invested in Georgia:		
1. Nephew Scholarship,		2,500 00
Total amount of permanent funds in both States, including scholarships		$62,133 68

III. CLAIMS UPON THE TREASURY.

Due on Professors' salaries, on Jan'ry. 1st, 1848,	$1,801 04
Interest on Mrs. Hall's bond of $6,522 43, Jan. 1, 1848	799 00
Library bill for books and repairs	70 06
Repairs on buildings, estimated at	24 00
Total amount of claims	$2,694 10
Estimated receipts up to Jan. 1, 1848, from permanent funds in South Carolina and Georgia	1,511 09
Deficit on January 1, 1848	$1,183 01

IV. REAL ESTATE.

The real estate owned by the Seminary in Glynn county, Georgia, and which last year was reported as likely to be sold, has during the past year been sold for $2,100; which amount is now in the hands of our agents, Messrs. McDowell & Reid, in notes bearing interest, and is included in their report.

V. STANDING CLAIMS ON THE TREASURY, FOR THE YEAR 1848.

Professors' salaries	4,000 00
Interest on Mrs. Hall's Bond to Jan., 1849	456 54
	$4,456 54
To meet which our invested funds, including the portion of the new fund, invested in Camden Bank Stock, will yield	4,737 97

VI. THE NEW FUND.

Whole amount of subscriptions in South Carolina	$35,463 63
Whole amount of subscriptions in Georgia	9,015 00
Total	$44,478 63
1st instalment due Jan. 1, 1847, is	$14,826 28
Whole amount of subscriptions received	15,203 72
Old subscription, Greensboro', Georgia	125 00
July dividend on 226 shares of Camden Bank Stock	395 50
Total	$15,724 22

Paid for printing circulars	$ 17 25	
Expense of agency in procuring subscrip'ns.	610 59	
Interest on Mrs. Hall's Bond, to 1st April, 1846,	449 09	
Balance due on Professors' salaries, Jan. 1, 1846,	1,255 85	
Debt due Mr. Law	632 34	
Discount on subscriptions paid in advance	111 98	
Investment in 226 shares of Camden Bank Stock	11,505 64	
Funds on hand to be invested	1,141 48	--15,724 22

VII. LIBRARY.

67 volumes have been added during the past year to the Library, making the whole number of volumes 4542, which are well kept, and in a state of good preservation.

VIII. PROFESSORS' REPORT.

The Professors present the following report:

The whole number of students who have been connected with the Seminary the past year has been twenty, viz.:

Resident Students.

Rev. M. Allen Williams, of the Presbytery of Georgia, and Graduate of Jefferson College.

Samuel Reese Frierson, Licentiate of Presbytery of South Alabama, and Graduate of Princeton College.

In the Senior Class.

Thaddeus Constantine Crawford, Graduate of Davidson College.
William Horton Thompson, do. of Amherst do.

In the Middle Class.

Lafayette Girardeau, Graduate of Charleston College.
Robt. W. Hadden, do. of Princeton do.
Arnold W. Miller, do. of Charleston do.
Edw. P. Palmer, do. of Franklin do.
Jos. D. Porter, Candidate of Presbytery of Tuscaloosa.

In the Junior Class.

Benjamin Leander Beall, Graduate of Oglethorpe University.
Silas Morrison Blanchard, do. of Dartmouth College.
Amos Edgar Chandler, do. of Davidson do.
William Hansell Hall, do. of Oglethorpe University.
Thomas Alexander Hoyt, do. of Franklin College.
Archibald Gordon Johnson, do. of Maryville do.
William Matthews, Candidate of Presbytery of Flint River.
Robt. H. Reid, Graduate of S. C. College.
Albert Shotwell, do. of the Gwinnett Institute.
William Henry Singletary, do. of Davidson College.
Edward Rowell Ware, do. University of Alabama.

Of these, three have completed their course of study at the Seminary. Mr. Frierson, who was a Licentiate before entering, has remained, pursuing the regular course of study for two years, and having remained as long as he originally designed, has returned to his field of labor within the bounds of the Presbytery of South Alabama. Mr. Thompson and Mr. Crawford, having pursued the three years' course, have been licensed—the one by the Presbytery of Flint River, and the other by the Presbytery of Concord.

As the session is not yet commenced, we cannot say what our

numbers will be for the ensuing year. We are well aware that while the harvest is plenteous, the labourers are few. But it depends much on the zeal and intervention of our brethren, whether the few among us whom God has called to the sacred office, will resort to this Institution or not. We have often felt that our candidates for the ministry ought to be directed hither by those to whom they look up for counsel; and that it is a wrong done to our Southern Zion, which has made such efforts to found this institution, and whose interests are so connected with it, when it is deprived of the encouragement which the presence of all their candidates here would give.

The Students connected with the Seminary have pursued their studies with commendable diligence the past year, and in many instances with marked success—and the ordinary exercises have continued with but few interruptions.

To the fostering care of the Board, and to their faithful supervision, the Professors again commend this beloved Institution, whose best interests they have ever striven to promote.

Signed, Dr. Leland being absent, alone by G. Howe.

It will be seen from the foregoing statement, that the great movement of the Board and Synod, viz.: the endowment of a 3d. Professorship, is going on to its completion. The amount due on the 1st January, of this year, has been exceeded in the actual receipts by the Treasurer. It will be seen that the portion of the 1st instalment, which was not consumed by the smaller debts of the Seminary, has been invested to the amount of more than $11,000 in Bank stock, and has not been appropriated to the lifting of Mrs. Hall's bond. It was feared that Mrs. Hall would not be connsidered in law competent to receive payment; and there was no authorised agent to whom it was safe to pay over so large a sum. In this case it was deemed advisable to invest at once, so as to meet the interest on this bond—and to liquidate this debt so soon as arrangements should be made by which the payment might be made in safety,

It is of great importance that a 3d Professor should be placed in the Seminary, so soon as the funds received will justify it. But any delay in the occupation of this chair should not occasion surprise, when it is remembered that while more than $40,000 have been subscribed, the whole amount will not be realized till 1849—and that now only $15,000 have been received—nearly half of which must be reserved to meet the interest on Mrs. Hall's bond—besides $3,077 10 expended as shewn above,

The Synod may deem it wise on many grounds to elect the Professor, who is to be placed on this endowment—but a premature oc-

cupancy, before the endowment is so far completed as to sustain the draft, would embarrass the entire movement, more particularly as the contingent fund has been almost entirely cut off, since the raising and during the collecting of this new fund.

The following persons, members of this Board, go out of office this year, viz:

Ministers.	Laymen.
S. S. Davis, D. D.	A. L. Alexander,
G. H. W. Petrie,	D. C. Campbell,
J. S. Wilson,	William Shear,
N. Hoyt, D. D.	Job Johnston,
S. Donnelly,	J. N. Whitner,
T. R. English,	G. W. Glenn.
J. H. Saye,	
John Douglas.	

Whose places must be filled by an election on the part of the two Synods of South Carolina and Georgia.

All which is respectfully submitted.

G. T. SNOWDEN, *Vice President.*

J. DOUGLAS, *Secretary pro tem.*

Report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions,

Presented to the Synod of South Carolina, at its Session in Columbia, October, 1847.

The cause of Christian Missions within the bounds of this Synod, is now left almost entirely to the voluntary efforts of pastors, elders, and church members, and the result may therefore be regarded as an evidence on the one hand of their state of piety and zeal, and at the same time as a proof how far they are as yet prepared to act, as they should act, without the assistance of some efficient agency. The Synod indeed, at its last meeting, unanimously requested the Rev'd. H. R. Wilson, M. D. and the Rev. J. B. Adger, to visit their churches. But Mr. Wilson's engagements in other parts of the vineyard rendered his acquiescence impracticable, though much denied on his, as well as on our, part; while from his devotion to the interests of the coloured people, to which he has consecrated his labors, Mr. Adger was able to visit only two or three prominent places.

The committee, therefore, have done what they could, by printing and circulating to every minister and ruling elder in our bounds, two discourses, one on "The Rule and Measure of Charity"—and another

on "The Destined Efficiency of Juvenile Missionary Efforts," which they hope may have proved serviceable in stirring up the minds of our brethren to a greater interest in this all important work.

William Thomas Catto, the free coloured man connected with the second Presbyterian Church, in Charleston, whom the Charleston Presbytery was recommended by the last Synod to examine, with a view to licensure, as a Missionary to Africa, and for whose outfit an appropriation was then made, has been duly accepted by the Board.

The Presbytery of Charleston, however, in concurrence with the Board, deemed it advisable that he should remain for a year, and pursue in private such studies as might better prepare him for his work. He was accordingly received by the generous offer of the Rev. B. M. Palmer, into his family, and has studied under his supervision and care, with the assistance of the Students of the Seminary, who seemed anxious to render him every assistance, and has also attended upon many of the lectures in the Seminary, and enjoyed the privilege of its library.

At a late meeting of the Presbytery, called specially for the purpose, (as it was hoped he might be ready for a vessel in September,) he was examined with a view to licensure. And, although he can make no pretensions to a College education, or to many high attainments in general literature, yet as it appeared that he had been very acceptable and useful as a preacher in Charleston, and still more so in Columbia, where he had the opportunity of more careful preparation, the Presbytery, in view of his intended field, and all the circumstances of the case, proceeded to license him, and adopted the following minute:

"The Presbytery, having duly considered the examination of Wm Thomas Catto, and all the circumstances connected with his case, have come to the conclusion, that though his literary attainments are not such as our standards require, yet the decided evidence which he gives of personal piety, of a call to the ministry, and particularly of a call to the work of Missions in Africa, the importance and urgency of that field of labor, coupled with the fact that he has been eminently useful among the coloured people here, justify, *in his case*, a departure from the ordinary rule, and authorize his licensure. The Presbytery feel, moreover, that in determining to license him, it is only acting in accordance, if not with the express instructions, at least with the implied direction of Synod. With this explanation, the Presbytery of Charleston, on the 8th day of September, A. D. 1847, at Charleston, S. C., having examined W. T. Catto, and he having

adopted the Confession of Faith, and satisfactorily answered the questions to be put to candidates to be licensed; the Presbytery did, and hereby do, license the said Wm. Thos. Catto, to preach the Gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy ministry, wherever he shall be orderly called."

At the earnest advice of the Board, founded on their knowledge of the field to which he is destined, Mr. Catto has been, it is believed, very suitably married, and is now in Columbia, awaiting the sailing of the first packet to Liberia.

An African Missionary Society, in connexion with the 2d Presbyterian Church,—though not confined to its members, but embracing some of all denominations, has been founded, for the purpose of assisting him in his mission, and in the first place, if possible, to pay a debt which was due, and which, in consequence of his retirement from occupation, he had no opportunity of meeting. They have so far raised the sum of $144, which will be appropriated as designed, and the expenses incident to his delay charged to the general Board, under whose care he now is.

As Mr. Eden, who went from Charleston many years since, and who has proved so useful in this mission, has recently been called away from his labors, it is earnestly hoped that our present candidate will prove a suitable and worthy successor.

As there are now four brethren in and near Charleston, it is hoped that by their united counsels, greater efficiency may be given to your committee, and greater impetus to the cause of missions.

And whether we look at the glory of God—the Father, the Son or the Holy Ghost—at the temporal and eternal welfare of our fellow men—at our own spiritual prosperity and growth in grace—at the efforts and machinations of popery and infidelity—or at the progress and zeal of other Christian churches at home or abroad—we are alike called upon to free ourselves from the present apathy which has fallen upon us. "It cannot be of God, because it is not evangelistic"—that is, missionary in its character, was the brief and pregnant argument of Pascal, against the claims of Protestantism to the character of Christianity. In regard to many portions of Protestantdom, and in regard to it as a whole, the charge is no longer applicable. The Year Book of Protestant Missions now constitutes a large and portly volume, and the agencies at work are as multiplied as the field is extended. "Every evangelical church has its cohort in the field." The whole face of the heathen world has its missionary stations, like so many citadels of defence, or so many military posts, from which the sacramental hosts of God's elect may

sally forth in their aggressive attacks upon the powers of superstition, fanaticism and idolatry. Like stars in a dark sky, the light serves at least to reveal the darkness, and to direct the path of the traveller, and the missionary occupants, like watchmen on the rampart walls, can cry one to another, and cheer each other to courageous faith, hope and effort.

But while this is happily true, is it proportionably true of us as a portion of the Protestant Church? Can we in any just measure wipe off the stigma of Pascal's just rebuke, or authenticate our claims by the righteous standard with which he has admeasured us? Have we our proportion of Missionaries in the field? Is the spiritual chivalry of South Carolina as well represented on the field of missions, as on the field of war?

We find, too, in looking over the field which we have contemplated, an universal and increasing demand for labourers. Every where we see our dying fellow men stretching out their hands, and calling upon us to help them ere they die and go into destruction. And do we give heed to that piercing cry? Are our prayers importunately ascending to the Lord of the harvest, to send forth labourers into the harvest? Have any of our sons or daughters been devoted to this service? Does the missionary spirit burn like an altar-fire within the school of our prophets? And are any of these called and chosen servants of the cross heard saying, "Here, Lord, are we; send us."

During the past year there have been, as in South Africa and among the Nestorians, manifest evidences of the outpourings of God's spirit, and the revival of the Lord's work—but there have been also dark and discouraging circumstances, in view of which the enemy may rejoice and faith become faint. Madagascar is still deluged with the blood of saints; Tahiti has become a wreck and mire, under the Satanic malice of Jesuit antichristianism, and the perfidious cruelty of French Romish arms; the mission at Fernando Po has also been strangled by popery: the light which had penetrated the dark and benighted hearts of several hundreds of the inhabitants of Madeira, has been extinguished by the exterminating fury of Popish hatred to the truth, and love of blood; various missions have been broken up by the Caffre war in Africa; the missions in New Zealand have in like manner been injured; and the Armenians and Nestorians have been persecuted by the connivance, if not the concurrence, of prelatical artifice and oriental despotism.

Now, in view of these things, we are forced to exclaim—"it is not by might nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord;" and for

this spirit, God will be inquired of by the house of Israel. Have we then, brethren, realized the responsibility laid upon us as "Priests unto God"—and as intercessors on behalf of a perishing world? Have we been found earnest and importunate in our prayers, that the Spirit might be poured out from on high on us and upon all flesh? And have our congregations been found "with one accord in one place," praying for the peace of Jerusalem and the enlargement of Zion?

One there was, brethren, who has set us an example and given us heaven-authorized instructions and commands. Of the Apostle Paul it has been said, "He recognized the good will of God saying to his son, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldst be for salvation to the ends of the earth." Thus he escaped the error of those who think it no concern of theirs, if the heathen perish. Is it no concern of ours, if the will of God be done, if Christ be glorified, if souls are saved? He engaged actively in the work of missions to the heathen, accounting himself their debtor, because so indebted to Christ, who would have the debt of gratitude due to himself repaid in part by this labour of love to those who were far off from God and strangers to the way of peace. And have we no such debt to Christ? And should we not labour to repay it in this way? I mark his method; he appealed to the heathen as at Lystra, why do ye these things? So showing the unreasonableness of their idolatry. He urged them to turn from these vanities, to serve the living and true God; so making known to them Him whom they knew not, and who is so infinitely superior to all false Gods. He took advantage of what they did know, however faintly and obscurely, of God, as a stepping stone on which to induce them to stand, and thence to proceed to take another and higher step. This is his appeal to the providence of God, and to the testimonies of their own poets. How at Athens his spirit was stirred in him; not by the classical associations of the city, not by admiration of statues and temples, and scenes where Socrates had taught, Demosthenes had pleaded and Aristotle had lectured; but what so moved his spirit? "He saw the city wholly given up to idolatry." That was more than enough to call forth all his Christian energies. Then, how he "disputed daily," how he "preached unto them Jesus and the resurrection;" how he spoke on Mars' hill; why, there is nothing like or equal to that in all the literature of Greece, that wonderful address. What an instruction to missionaries, and to all who ought to take an interest in the missionary work!

So in his epistle to the Romans, what an exposure of the true character of heathenism. There, in his first chapter, is a moral map of

the heathen world, as it was, as it is, as it will be, till here and there and every where, the idols are utterly abolished, and Christ is owned "the head of the heathen." Are they excusable because they have not the light of revelation? He shows them yet "without excuse," not having acted up to the light given them. How he proved Christ the only but sufficient Saviour as for Jews, so also for the Gentiles. What a cluster of promises from God he held up to view in Romans XV., showing the certainty of good success in the missionary work! How he poured forth his thanksgivings to the God of all grace, as he heard and thought of a church of the faithful at Ephesus, at Rome, at Corinth, at Thessalonica, at Philippi, at other heathen cities. How he kept up intercourse by personal visits, by correspondence, by intercessory prayer.

In all this, your committee need not say, is instruction for us; how we should take personally a most lively interest in missionary work. The heathen are just where the heathen were. Heathenism has within it no principle of self improvement. We ought to care for the millions of heathens now on the earth. We should co-operate heart and hand in the missionary effort, as Christ's debtors, and therefore debtors to Greeks and Barbarians. We should go to them, or send our representatives, "messengers of the churches," to reason and plead, and teach among them as Paul did. We should allow no attractions of poetry, or painting, or statuary, to stifle our sense of the abominations of idolatry. We, too, must not be exploring the haunts of Socrates, when we should be helping to teach Christ; we must be pleading with Paul, rather than listening to Demosthenes; enforcing the morality of the Gospel, not the ethics of Aristotle. We should gaze on that map of heathenism, till the heart burns with the question, "How long, Lord, how long?" We should listen to no apologies for heathenism, but speed or send to make Christ known to those perishing for lack of knowledge. How we should trust and act and plead upon the missionary promises of Scripture. How we should rejoice in good tidings from our Missionary brethren. How we should pray and praise God for the converts and the infant churches, gathered out from among the Gentiles. How we should importune the Lord of the harvest to raise up more labourers for the field of the world!

But let us not forget that we have heathen at home. How very like heathen are vast masses of our coloured population, as ignorant of God the Father in his adopting love, of Christ in his saving merit, and of the Holy Spirit in his sanctifying grace; as depraved, almost as much living in all the abominations as the heathen themselves.

Surely our spirit should be stirred within us by what we see and hear. We should use all Scriptural means, personally, by agency, by mutual associations, to bring the Gospel of Christ to bear in a plain and direct manner on their minds and hearts. How successful it will prove, is evident in the recorded operations and results of many labourers in this field.

There is abundant proof that the Gospel of Christ has lost none of its original power, through the energy of the Spirit, to operate most successfully on the practical heathenism of our labouring population, in their most depraved and apparently hopeless state. Let us but use faithfully our instruments of evangelization, reasoning, instructing, inviting, pleading as Paul did among the heathens around him; let us urge these Christian heathen with the motives of the Gospel, and besiege the throne of grace with prayer, for the fulfilment of God's own promises among them; and we, too, shall have cause for thanksgiving, as we gaze on many a bright spot, a garden of the Lord, redeemed from the wilderness and waste.

Our Treasurer reports having received during the past year, from November 15, 1846, to October 5, 1847, the sum of $1982, of which at least $150 is from Georgia. What amount, if any, has been forwarded to the Board direct, we are not able to report.

COLLECTIONS IN THE CHURCHES.

Horeb	church		5 00
Beach Island	"		16 00
Harmony	"		25 00
Concord	"	Sumter district	20 00
Ladies Pres.	"	Columbia	23 00
Hopewell Pres	"		43 51
Beaver Creek	"		65 00
Williamsburg	"		24 50
Presbyterian	"	Sumterville	53 00
Mt. Zion	"		76 00
Darlington	"		71 00
Presbytery of South Carolina			117 00
Church at Union Court House			10 00
Fair Forest Church			13 00
Church in Columbia			190 00
2d. Presbyterian Church, Charleston			223 60
African Miss. Society in connection with the 2d. Presbyterian Church, Charleston			144 00

In addition, the sum of $100, as a subscription for two years, has been acknowledged from Captain Blair, of York.

Monthly Concert Collections are reported from the following Churches:

Beach Island	church		14 00
Cheraw	"		24 00
Walterboro',	"		25 00
Willington	"	Abbeville	60 00
James Island	"		31 00
Presbyterian	"	Columbia	100 00
2d. Presbyterian	"	Charleston	330 00

Juvenile Missionary Collections are reported from

School at Hopewell Church	2 00
Walterboro' Sabbath School	5 00
Juvenile Missionary Society, 2d. Presbyterian Church, Charleston, for three quarters	154 56

The Treasurer's account will be found presented, with the usual care, and, together with the report, is submitted to the Synod.

THE SOUTHERN BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS,

In account with James Adger, Treasurer.

1846.		*For the following sums received on account of "The Board."*	
Nov. 15.	By Cash, thro. Rev. Thomas Smyth, from	Horeb church, Harmony Presbytery	5 00
	do	Monthly concert, Beach Island church	16 00
	do	Collection 2d Presbyterian church, Charleston, at the "meeting of Synod"	70 50
23.	do	Thro. Mr. W. P. McFadden, from school, Hopewell church	2 00
Dec. 4.	do	Thro. Mr. W. Aldrich, St. Mary's Presb'n. contribution for Missionary purposes..... 19 37 Less postage..... 10	19 27
8.	do	Monthly concert collections, 2d Pres'n. church, Charleston	25
(Nov. 16)	do	Collection in Lecture Room 2d Presb'n. church, during meeting of "Synod of So. Ca."	69
Dec. 22.	do	Through Rev. D. Auld, collection Harmony ch.	25
31.	do	Through a letter dated Peekin, Alabama, 21st Dec. from a Lady, a friend to Missions	10

1847.

Jan. 15.	do	Through Messrs. M. &. W. Cumming, from the Presb'n. church, Bryan county, Georgia.....	50	
	do	Monthly concert collection, 2d Presb'n. church, Charleston, (3d January).....	35	
26.	do	Through S. R. Chandler, (Deacon) from two members of Concord church, Sumter district, Dr. R. R. Durant 10, Mr. L. McFadden 10.....	20	
30.	do	Balance of former subscription of "The Ladies' association in favor of Foreign Missions, Presb'n. church, Columbia.....	23	
Feb. 4.	do	Through Mr. John B. Bull, (Treas'r.) monthly concert, Willington church, Abbeville district..	20	
17.	do	Through Mr. H. Cameron, collection of Hopewell Presbyterian church.....	43	57
18.	do	Through Rev. Thos. Smyth, balance of the quarterly collection of "The Juvenile Missionary Society," of the 2d Presbyterian church.....	66	50
	do	Proceeds monthly concert collection, 2d Presbyterian church, (7 Feb.).....	33	
27.	do	Through Messrs. Robinson & Caldwell, subscription for two years from John Blair, Esq. of York district.....	100	
	do	Through Mr. S. Donnelly, from Beaver Creek church, balance of last year's contribution $20, annual collection for this year, 43 60-100, and from colored members for support of Harrison Ellis, 1 40-100.....	65	
M'ch. 6.	do	From Dr. J. Morrow.....	4	
10.	do	Monthly concert 2d Presb'n. church, (7th March) for "The Jewish Mission".....	41	60
18.	do	Through Rev. A. G. Peden, from Williamsburg church.....	24	50
19.	do	From Mr. D. McQueen, from "the Female Missionary Society, of the Presbyterian church, Sumterville," to aid in sending "The Gospel" to Asia.....	53	
30	do	Annual collection 2d Presbyterian church, Charleston, 23d March.....	84	10
Ap'l 13.	do	Through Rev. J. B. Adger, monthly concert collections, Beach Island church.....	14	
	do	Monthly concert, 2d Presbyterian church, Charleston, 4th April.....	22	50
22.	do	Through Mr. John M. B. Harden, (agent) from the Ladies' Missionary Society, Liberty county, Georgia, for the support (in part) of Rev. R. Q. Way and Lady, Missionaries to China.....	58	
	do	Through Mr. John F. Matheson, from Mount Zion church.....76		
	do	Monthly concert, Cheraw church.....24		
			—	100

28.	do	From Darlington church, per Col. Law.....	71	
May 3.	do	Monthly concert collection, 2d Presby'an. church, Charleston, 2d May.....	29	60
4.	do	Quarterly collection of "the Juvenile Missionary Society of 2d Presbyterian church," for the appropriation as follows: Another congregational library (if unsupplied) among the Waldenses.....25 For the support of a Bazaar school in India..22		
		—	47	
7.	do	Through Mr. John B. Bull, collection at monthly concert, Willington church, Abbeville.....	20	
22.	do	Through Mr. A. O. Norris (Treasurer) from "the Presbytery of South Carolina".....	117	
June 1.	do	Monthly concert collection, 2d Presbyterian church, Charleston, 30th May.....	33	83
July 6.	do	Monthly concert collection, 2d Presbyterian church, Charleston, 4th July.....	29	50
24	do	Through "a letter," marked "Rosswell, Georgia," fulfilling "a pledge" made in July, 1843, to contribute $100 for the education of Horace S. Pratt, in India.....	20	
Aug. 4.	do	Monthly concert collection, 2d Presbyte'n. church, Charleslon.....	25	
6.	do	Quarterly collection of "the Juvenile Missionary Society of Charleston," for the support of schools among "the Western Indians".....	41	06
	do	Through William Law, Esq. from Rev. L. W. Curtis, from the church of Union Court House, for "the Assembly's Board".....	10	
9.	do	Through Rev. J. H. Saye, collection at Fairforest church.....	13	
19.	do	Through Rev. E. Palmer, from Walterborough church, monthly concert.....25		
	do	Walterborough Sabbath school.....5		
		—	30	
27	do	From John B. Bull (Treasurer) collection monthly concert, Willington church, Abbeville district..	20	
Sept. 6.	do	Collection 2d Presbyterian church, Charleston....	26	
Oct. 4.	do	Monthly concert do do do	29	
5.	do	Monthly concert, from "James Island," through Rev. John Douglas.....11		
	do	From Rev. John Douglas 10, and from Mrs. Fr's. C. Douglas 10.....20		
		—	31	
	do	Through G. T. Snowden, Esq. for the annual collection Presbyterian church, Columbia, S. C...	190	
6.	do	Through Sidney Crane, Esq. collection monthly concert, Presbyterian church, Columbia, S.C..	100	
		Amount of Receipts	$1,982	47

APPROPRIATED—AS FOLLOWS.

1847.

Ap'l. 2. To paid Executive committee, order for the publication of articles in the Southern Christian Advocate, by order of Synod..... 44

May 27. To paid freight and expenses on 3 boxes received from Mr. Wm. Shear of Augusta, Geo. for the Creek Mission, and forwarded to Walter Lowrie, Esq. New York..... 2 20

28. To paid Executive committee's order to remit the sum of $1,300 to the Assembly's Board, remitted in check of Bank Charleston, on Bank of State New York, favor of Rev. Daniel Wells, Treasurer, for 1293 53-100 a 1-2 per ct. prem. 1,300

June 26. To paid Executive committee's order in favor of Jenkins, (Printer) for Missionary publications 42

Oct. 8. To paid Executive committee's order, to remit the balance to the Treasury, New York; remitted in James Adger & Co. draft on Brown, Brothers & Co. favor of, and remitted to, Rev. Daniel Wells, Treasurer..... 594 27

$1,982 47

JAMES ADGER, Treas.

Charleston, Oct. 1847.
Examined, and found correct.

W. C. DUKES,
JOHN ROBINSON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION.

The Committee of Education would briefly report to Synod, that during the past year eleven beneficiaries have been dependent upon their appropriations for support, and that the amount allowed them has generally been $150.

The disbursements for this purpose make the gross sum of		$1,550 00
Add to this, balance due the Treasurer at the date of the last report		16 63
Balance of interest for money advanced		17 96
Total of disbursements		$1,584 59

To meet these disbursements, the following sums have been received by our Treasurer.

Income of the Lanneau Scholarship	$106 25	
do. do. Charleston do.	110 00	
do. do. Nephew do.	200 00	
do. do. Ellison Legacy	67 50	
Total from Scholarships		483 75
Contribution of the Church in Tallahassee	32 30	
do. do. Ladies' Education Society of the Midway Church, Liberty county	90 50	
Contribution of the Church on Edisto Island, by Rev, Wm. States Lee	20 00	
Total from Churches not in our bounds, or not connected with us		142 80
Contributions of Salem Church, Little River	10 00	
do. of Lebanon Church, Fairfield	101 00	
do. of the Church in Camden	60 00	
do. of the Ladies Ed. Soc. of the 2d. Presbyterian Church, Charleston	200 00	
Total of contributions from churches of Synod		371 00
Refunded by a former beneficiary	50 00	

Refunded by a former beneficiary, who has declined studying for the ministry	60 00	
Whole amount refunded		110 00
Total of receipts		1,107 55
Leaving us indebted to our Treasurer in the amount of		$477 04

Besides the above eleven beneficiaries, four have received aid from the Ladies' Education Society of the 2d. Church in Charlest n, which, in addition to the above $200, has contributed the further sum of 600 00

Making the entire amount of their contributions $800 00, which has sustained 6 beneficiaries, while prosecuting their studies.

The Church in Columbia has also contributed through its Ladies' Society, to the support of still another beneficiary.

The general report of the state of this cause in the bounds of Synod, is as follows:

The Presbytery of Charleston reports three candidates, seven beneficiaries, and the following sums raised.

By the Ladies' Education Society of the 2d Church, Charleston, for the support of 6 beneficiaries	$800 00	
By the Ladies' Sewing Society, of the Presbyterian Church, Columbia	100 00	
Collection in the congregation	100 00	
	200 00	
Total received in the Presbytery of Charleston		1,000 00
The Presbytery of Bethel report 4 candidates, 2 beneficiaries, and the gross sum of		234 00
The Presbytery of South Carolina report 2 candidates, 1 beneficiary not included in those above named, and contributed for this object		117 58

The Presbytery of Harmony report 3 candidates, no beneficiary at present, (though one has been supported a part of the year,) and the following contributions, viz:

From Salem Church, Little River	$ 10 00
do. Lebanon Church, Fairfield	101 00
do. the Church in Camden	60 00
do Midway Church	3 00
do. Beaver Creek	5 00

do.	Salem, Black River	5 00	
do.	Brewington	4 00	
do.	Harmony	5 00	
do.	Darlington	20 00	
do.	Mt. Zion	27 50	
do.	Midway	5 00	
In all			245 50

Total contributed by Churches within the bounds of the several Presbyteries	$1,597 08
Add the amount accruing from other sources, and received into the Treasury of the Education Committee	736 55
Total from all sources, for the education of candidates for the ministry	$2,333 63

Recapitulation.

Candidates at present under the care of Presbyteries	12
Beneficiaries of Committee, Presbyteries and Churches	19

Amount contributed from churches and congregations connected with Synod	$1,597 08
Amount refunded by beneficiaries	110 00
Amount received from Scholarships	483 75
From churches out of our bounds, or not connected with Synod	142 80
Total	$2,333 63

Present debt of the Education Committee $477 04

It is a source of sincere gratification, that the order of the Assembly and Synod, as to the observance of a day when this subject should be presented to the churches, has been so generally obeyed. But there is still reason for earnest prayer for an increase of labourers in the gospel harvest, and of more general contributions for the maintenance of those who, without pecuniary means of their own, are seeking an education for the ministry.

ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University, to the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, November, 1847.

The Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University report to the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, that the whole number of Students in the institution during the past year has been 91, of whom 43 were members of the College proper. The Faculy of the College represent the conduct of the Students as having been uniformly commendable and orderly. There has not been required a single case of discipline the whole year.

The institution was blessed during the summer past, with a remarkable outpouring of the spirit of God; during which a considerable number of the students was hopefully converted, and almost all the members of College were brought under more or less religious impression. The board are happy to learn, that instruction in the Assembly's Catechism, followed by a Lecture from some member of the Faculty on the answers committed, has been a regular weekly exercise on the Sabbath afternoons among all the Students of the College and Academy, and that that exercise has been attended with a deep interest on the part of the Students as well as of the Faculty.

The term of office of the following members of the Board expires at this time, in place of whom six members are to be chosen for three years, viz:

Ministers.—J. S. Wilson, F. Bowman, R. Hooker.

Laymen—D. C. Campbell, W. Shear, T. Fort, M. G. Harris, S. Grantland, B. S. Jordan.

The Alabama endowment of a Professorship having been completed, and the Rev. R. C. Smith, Professor elect, having consented to engage at once in the duties of his chair, the Board are gratified to be able to say that the next session will commence with a fuller board of instruction than the University has hitherto enjoyed.

It will be necessary for the Synod of South Carolina to confirm the election of the Rev. R. C. Smith before his appointment is complete; although the Professor elect, at the request of the Board, has generously consented to enter at once into their service, in anticipation of that action, in consideration of the importance of his presence at the College.

It will be discovered from the ensuing statement of the fiscal affairs of the institution, that the available means for the support of the

Faculty for the year to come, will fall short of the support of the Faculty, by several hundred dollars. To provide for this, the Board recommend that the Synod of Georgia take up collections in their Churches. The salaries of the officers, by their own consent, are fixed, for the present, at as low a rate as they can possibly live, and therefore it becomes necessary that they should be promptly paid.

During the last year, the Churches of the Georgia Synod were directed to take up collections for the contingent expenses, and only two Churches have complied with the direction. These Churches were those of Mount-Zion and Roswell, which contributed $50,00, each, to the object.

The Board recommend to the Synods of Carolina and Georgia, to extend to the Synod of Alabama the privilege of being equally represented in the government of the College with themselves, and to appoint a committee to ask of the Legislature of Georgia a corresponding alteration of the charter of the University.

The Board are prosecuting measures for the extinguishment of the debt and securing the completion of the endowment of the Carolina Professorship, and the Georgia and Florida Professorship; and also, for getting the subscriptions to the Alabama Professorship converted into notes, or into investments by the payment of the principal.

The Board has invested the general agent, Rev. R. Chamberlain, with power to employ suitable agents to occupy the whole field. It is proper here to say, that Mr. Chamberlain has been to the Board a most faithful, laborious and successful agent, and that his services have been invaluable to us.

The Board, at their late meeting at Milledgeville, appointed a committee to make a thorough investigation of the fiscal affairs of the institution. This committee appointed a sub-committee, of which Rev. Dr. Howe was Chairman, who spent several days in a laborious search through all the past history of the Board. The report of that committee was adopted by the Board, and is as follows:

The sub-Committee appointed to investigate the fiscal history and state of Oglethorpe University, beg leave to report: That they have given to the subject their most careful attention, but find that from the great multiplicity of details, more time than they can now command would be necessary for the full examination of the minute items of expenditure and receipt. The fiscal history of the institution may be divided into two periods, the one previous and the other subsequent to its connection with the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia.

It appears that the Education Society of Georgia had a Manual Labor School at Athens; that this was discontinued, and that the Society, in October, 1834, resolved on the foundation of two schools, the Midway Seminary near Milledgeville, and the Gwinnett Institute. The former was taken under the care of Hopewell Presbytery in October, 1835, and was erected into a College, with a preparatory academical department, which has continued ever since. In November, 1839, it was taken under the general supervision of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia. The Manual Labor department, which was found unprofitable, was discontinued from February, 1837.

To provide for this and other purposes, 500 acres of land, more or less, were purchased, which were again partially disposed of in lots to various purchasers. Houses were erected for the Rector of the Academy and Steward, and the Steward's house was supplied with the necessary furniture. The last of these buildings, supposed to have cost $12,000 to $15,000, being burnt in 1837, other provision became necessary for the accommodation of the students, involving new expenses. In October, 1838, the main College building was contracted for at $38,000, and the Dormitories erected at an additional expense of $10,000. During the period preceding the connection of the institution with the Presbytery, the expenditures appear to have been authorized by a society of gentlemen who managed the affairs of the School, but most of the accounts showing the receipts from tuition, &c., are supposed to have been destroyed in the fire which consumed the Steward's hall.

When the University became connected with the Synod, its liabilities were already great.

How the debt originated may easily be understood, when it is known that the main College building was erected at a cost of about - - - - - - - - - $40,000 00
The Dormitories at a cost of - - - - - 10,000 00
The President's house, at a cost of - - - - 5,000 00
And the Steward's Hall, (including furniture,) which was afterwards destroyed by fire, at a cost of - 15,000 00

Making a total of - - - - - $70,000 00*
without including the cost of the College lands.

Your Committee have, with great labor and care, gone over the books of the institution from November 24, 1836, the earliest date

* See Minutes of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia for 1841, p p. 60, 61.

which appears on the present book of the Treasurer, and have ascertained from them the following facts:

First, the amount of receipts before June 12th, 1841, when the new subscription of $30,000* became available.

From November 24th, 1836, to January 4, 1838, -	$17,286	00
From January 5, 1838, to October 29, 1838, -	16,052	00
From January 1, 1839, to December 1, 1839, -	11,365	00
From January 1, 1840, to December 11, 1840, -	18,124	00
From January 7, 1841, to June 12, 1841, - -	3,034	00
	$65,861	00
From this must be deducted the balances of cash in hand at the commencement of each account, which amount, in all, to - - - - - - - -	1,186	80
Leaving the receipts previous to June 12, 1841,	$64,674	20
Since June 12, 1841, the receipts have been as follows:		
From June 12, 1841, to June 24th, 1842, when the account of Dr. Talmage as Treasurer, terminates, (he at that time having resigned.) - - -	$13,016	00
From April 1, 1842, the date of the first entry in the new account, to 1847. - - - -	27,817	00
Total from June 12, 1841, to 1847. - - -	40,833	00
Total of receipts since 1836, - - - - -	105,507	20
Of this sum there was received to June 12, 1841, for tuition, - - - - - - - - - -	16,027	42
Subsequent to June 12, 1841, from the same source	6,462	00
Whole from tuition, - - - - -	$22,489	42
From subscriptions previous to June 12, 1841	$48,646	78
From subscriptions from June 12th, 1841, to 1847	34,371	00
Total from subscriptions - - - -	$83,017	78
Making the above amount of - - - -	$105,507	30

* This subscription, in the minutes of Synod for 1841, is said to amount to $39,000. It appears now, on actual examination, to have amounted to $35,590, $5,915 of which have proved unavailable.

The disbursements for the corresponding periods are as follows:

Salaries of College officers and Rector of Academy, from Nov. 24, 1836, to June 12, 1841 - - -	$21,238 75
Salaries and travelling expenses of various agents	3,470 74
Other claims against the institution - - - -	39,964 71
Salaries of officers from June 12, 1841, to 1847	17,895 29
Expenses of agencies for the same period of time	5,952 14
Other claims against the institution - - -	16,985 57
Total of disbursements - - - - -	$105,507 20

It will appear from these statements, that since the commencement of the accounts of Oglethorpe, as found in the present books, besides sustaining the institution in active operation, there have been $56,950 28, paid on out-standing claims against the Treasury. It cannot seem a mystery to any one who will compute the interest for a period of from 10 to 12 years, on as large an amount as was expended on the buildings, which remain or were consumed, that so considerable a debt should still stand against the institution; a debt which has fluctuated at various times, as payments have been made, or the interest has again accumulated.

It is evident, too, that the Board have had sufficient reason, especially in the earlier part of this period, to believe in the ultimate solvency of the institution, and to advance, as some of them have done, with a sacrifice of self, and a generosity rarely equalled, the necessary funds to meet pressing judgments against it, and to preserve the institution to the church and to the world.

They could not have anticipated the failure of so large an amount of the very generous subscriptions obtained in the south, nor those commercial embarrassments which lost to them so large a share of the funds which had been pledged in the north. They could not have anticipated the loss of those privileges, once thought so valuable, in the Milledgeville Bank,* nor that the college domain, valuable and available, if the institution should flourish, would, for so long a time, have remained inconvertible property.

The present indebtedness of the college may be stated as follows:

1. The claim of Lane & Craighan for - - -	$18,000
2. The claim of Grieve and Nichols for - - -	32,000

* For these privileges, the Prudential Committee once refused, as it appeared on just ground, $10,000 offered for them.

3. Judgment obtained by Professor Crawford against the college and institution	1,320
4. Claim of Georgia Penitentiary	700
5. Various claims of Banks and individuals, about	10,000
	$62,020

The first of those claims may be settled for and is now in process of adjustment on these terms.	$6,000
The second may be settled for	8,000
The third for	1,320
The fourth for	175
The fifth, it is believed, at the same or lower rate, (say)	2,500
The whole may be settled for	$17,995

or, in the judgment of some judicious men of business, for the comparatively small sum of $15,000.

Under these circumstances, can the friends of the institution hesitate to make one final and vigorous effort to relieve it from the burden of debt under which it has labored? When those generous men whose resources have sustained it in the hour of its extremity, are willing to yield up their claims for a small portion of what they are justly entitled to receive, will not their offer be met with cheerfulness and promptitude? The college will, then, ere long, be able to complete its permanent endowment, already auspiciously begun, and to accomplish those objects for which it was founded.

The present investments of the college, available for current expenses, are as follows:

1. The Carolina Professorship, amount invested besides a few annual subscriptions	$11,574 00
2. The Georgia and Florida Professorship, say	8,000 00
3. The Alabama Professorship of which $6,100 are in notes, and the whole bears interest from May 1, 1847.	25,123 80

Current expenses of the University for ensuing year.

Salaries of President and other Professors	$4,000 00
Of Alabama Professor	1,500 00
	$5,500 00

INCOME.

Tuition, say of 30 students, at $50	$1,500
Appropriation of Synod of Alabama	1,500
Income of Carolina Professorship, and back interest of same, due and available,	1,000
Income of Georgia and Florida Professorship,	560
	$4,560
Leaving to be provided from other sources,	$940

The preceding statement will show how the college can be conducted, at least on its present economical basis, without greatly tasking the resources of the churches, its debt only being paid.

In conclusion, your committee would remark, that the facts thus presented to you, and through you to the Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University, have been obtained by much and careful examination of accounts and transactions, extending through many years, and comprising many details; and though it would require weeks of examination for a stranger to investigate such extensive transactions in every one of their details, the greatest confidence is felt as to the facts and statements now made. Minor errors, which a further examination might detect, could not materially vary the general result. It is, therefore, with admiration of the men who have come freely and confidently forward, to sustain the church in her benevolent efforts to advance her own and her country's best interests, and with sincere sympathy with them in the disappointment and loss they have thus incurred, that this committee return these statements to the Board; and urge immediate and strenuous efforts for the present relief and speedy endowment of this institution. On behalf of the committee.

GEORGE HOWE.

True copy from the report presented to the Synod of Georgia, at Marietta, Nov. 1847.

JOHN S. WILSON, *Stated Clerk.*